

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Substitute the following claims for the currently pending claims:

1. (currently amended) A cable duct device , comprising:  
in a swellable packer (1) of the kind in which the packer  
(1) is adapted for sealing an annulus (3), characterized in that  
the swellable packer (1) is provided with ; and

at least one through-going opening (6) provided in the  
packer and adapted to constitute a duct for a cable or pipe  
(12).

2. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the through-going opening (6) encloses the cable (12) both prior to and after ~~the~~ swelling has occurred in the swellable packer (1).

3. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~in its longitudinal extension~~ the through-going opening (6) ~~may have any configuration~~ has a variable longitudinal extension.

4. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~cross-section of~~ through-going opening (6) ~~may have any configuration~~ has a variable cross-section.

5. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ a cable or pipe {12} is situated on ~~the~~ an inside of the packer {1} within a longitudinal recess in ~~the~~ an outer shell of ~~the~~ a production tubing {2}.

6. (new) A cable duct device, comprising:

a swellable packer;

a slit extending at least partially laterally through a sidewall of the packer; and

a cable positioned in the packer proximate the slit.

7. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the packer seals about the cable when the packer swells.

8. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the packer is annular shaped and extends lengthwise in a longitudinal direction, wherein the slit extends longitudinally through the packer, and wherein the cable extends longitudinally through the slit.

9. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the packer swells in response to contact with a swell-activating material in a well.

10. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the slit intersects an opening extending longitudinally through the packer, and wherein the cable is positioned in the opening.